

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

April 11, 2005

Louis Ciminelli
Chairman
New York Power Authority
123 Main Street, 10-B
White Plains, N.Y. 10601-3170

Dear Chairman Ciminelli,

I am writing to request that your office meet with members of the Upper Mountain Volunteer Fire Company of Lewiston, New York, which is responsible for providing fire protection and emergency response for the area surrounding the US-Canadian border crossing at Lewiston-Queenston, the Niagara Power Project and the 20-billion gallon water reservoir that holds water diverted from the Niagara River. Because all of these entities, which each present unique challenges, lie in their jurisdiction, their resources have been stretched thin and they are seeking the opportunity to discuss ways to coordinate their efforts to protect the communities surrounding the Niagara Power Project with the New York Power Authority.

I'm sure you will agree that their responsibilities reach above and beyond what is typically expected of a small volunteer company as all four of these landmarks could be potential terrorist targets. I hope that you will devote some time to working with them so that they can better protect the people of Lewiston and surrounding communities. If a catastrophic incident were to occur at one of these facilities, it is vitally important to know that our first responders have the resources to deal with the situation. In order to make sure that they are able to cope with such an incident, the federal and state government must know what these firefighters may be up against.

I hope that you will meet with them soon so that you can learn first hand the challenges they are facing and determine what assistance the New York Power Authority can provide. Please contact Bill Justyk, President of the Upper Mountain Volunteer Fire Company, at (716) 297-0330 to set up this meeting.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator

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Pat Wood, III
Chairman
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

Dear Chairman Wood,

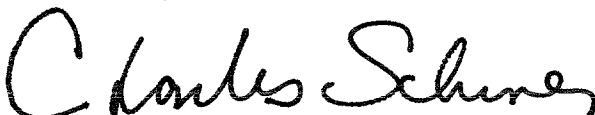
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I'm sure you will agree that their responsibilities reach above and beyond what is typically expected of a small volunteer company as all four of these landmarks could be potential terrorist targets. I hope that you will devote some time to working with them so that they can better protect the people of Lewiston and surrounding communities. If a catastrophic incident were to occur at one of these facilities, it is vitally important to know that our first responders have the resources to deal with the situation. In order to make sure that they are able to cope with such an incident, the federal and state government must know what these firefighters may be up against.

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Michael Brown
Undersecretary of Emergency Preparedness and Response
FEMA
500 C Street SW, Room 820
Washington, DC 20472

Dear Undersecretary Brown,

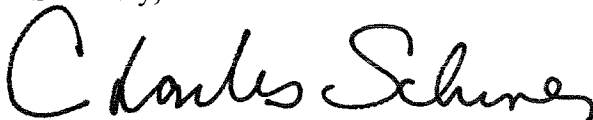
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I'm sure you will agree that their responsibilities reach above and beyond what is typically expected of a small volunteer company as all four of these landmarks unfortunately could be potential terrorist targets. I hope that you will devote some time to working with them so that they can better protect the people of Lewiston and surrounding communities. If, heaven forbid, something ever happened at one of these facilities, we want to know that our first responders have the resources to deal with the situation. At the very least, the federal and state government must know what these firefighters may be up against.

I hope that you will meet with them soon so that you can learn first hand the challenges they are facing and determine what assistance your agency can provide. Please contact Bill Justyk, President of the Upper Mountain Volunteer Fire Company, at (716) 297-0330 to set up this meeting.

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